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Applicant	:	YOSHIMURA, et al.
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following response to the request to correct an Inventor's name made in the Decision on Petition mailed December 7, 2006. This Response is within the given Two-month period for a Response.

The Examiner stated that "The declaration submitted 24 January 2005 lists the third named inventor as "Syozo Tamaki", but he is listed as "Shozo Tamaki" on the international application. The Office does not have a record of the recording of a change under PCT Rule 92*bis*. If this discrepancy is the result of a typographical error, it can be corrected by a statement under MPEP 201.03 stating either that it was a typographical or a transliteration error and specifying the correct name."

The Inventors of the present application are Japanese and their names are written in kanji in their native language. There are several systems for converting the pronunciation of the kanji symbols into Roman letters to represent a close pronunciation. Unfortunately, Japanese has many sounds that do not easily covert to Roman letters.

The first name of the third inventor has been written in Roman letters as "Shozo" and "Syozo". Both of these spellings are correct, depending on the system used to convert the kanji into Roman letters. The Kunrei system (supported by the Japanese government) would use "syo", while the Hepburn system (most widely used system) would use "sho".

The Third-listed Inventor uses the Roman-letter spelling “Syozo Tamaki” to represent his name and wishes to use this spelling, as submitted, for the US Patent Application.

MPEP 2.14.01 - **Correction of Inventorship Under 37 CFR 1.48(b), Sufficient - Examiner Note** states: “A request under 37 CFR 1.48 will not be required: (B) Where a typographical or transliteration error in the spelling of an inventor's name is discovered, the Office should simply be notified of the error. A new oath or declaration is not required.”

Applicant believes this Response satisfies all the outstanding issues with this Application and requests that the status on PAIR be changed to state the Application is Active.

No fees are believed due with this submission; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment, to my credit card.

Respectfully submitted,

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